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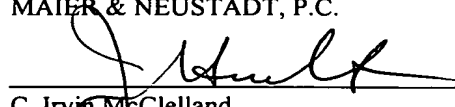
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (4-69412) of Form PTO-1449:**

A lubricating hole is formed on a clutch drum, and a groove of a spline coupled with a clutch plate is formed into a cone-shaped hollow or a taper state.

**Reference AP (7-243500) of Form PTO-1449:**

A lubricating groove is formed on an end face of a sun gear.

**Reference AQ (2002-161973) of Form PTO-1449:**

Oil which discharged into a clearance due to rotation of a clutch drum is collected in a concave groove formed on an inner surface of a protruding portion, and flows backward through the concave groove. The oil stops at a spline teeth extending portion of a brake plate, and is supplied to a brake, a planetary gear and the like from an outside diameter thereof.

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	AO	4-69412	03/04/92	Japan (with English abstract)		X	
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